

Three local girls take out prestigious section Ballarat dancers shine

By JENNIFER GREIVE

THREE dancers from Ballarat have beaten competitors from across the state to claim first, second and third at the classical solo final of the Royal South Street Society competition.

The Courier Classical Solo event is one of the most prestigious sections of the classical solo competition.

Royal South Street

marketing manager Emma Sbardella said she believed this year marked the first time three Ballarat dancers had taken out the competition.

Ms Sbardella said this year also marked the first time a dancer had won the title two years in a row.

Georgia Swan from Mitchell Park was named the winner on Saturday for the second year

running. She took out the title in 2010.

Georgia received \$1000 and the Carol Trenfield Perpetual Trophy for her efforts.

Brydee Lyttle and Ellie Michael took out second and third place in the event.

The three girls are all students at the Carole Oliver School of Ballet in Gillies Street.

With the dancing

component of the competition now over, attention has turned to calisthenics.

Calisthenics competitions will run until the end of the month, when the Royal South Street Society event comes to a close.

The event will culminate in a showcase afternoon on October 30, featuring performers from all stages of the competition.



Aaron Lynch



SUCCESS: Winner Georgia Swan with *The Courier* marketing manager Serena Eldridge.



DANCER: Reuben Morgan was highly commended on *The Courier* Classical Solo section.

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